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For : PROTON CONDUCTING MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME AND FUEL CELL USING THE SAME

**ELECTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2008. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on October 6, 2008 (October 5 being a Sunday), this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.